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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Phalgun B. Joshi, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/295,663

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: COMBINATION THERAPY  
USING NUCLEIC ACIDS AND  
CONVENTIONAL DRUGS

Examiner: Woitach, J.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith on a separate paper to extend the time for response to on or before February 22, 2002. A declaration of Ian MacLachlan, Ph.D., an expert in the field of gene delivery technology and gene therapy, is also submitted concurrently herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132. Applicants believe the current Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following replacement paragraph starting at page 16, line

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